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Dr. Martha Brooks, Director
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Dear Dr. Brooks:

Given the passage of S.B. 105, which establishes a distinct Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) unit count, the State Council for Persons with Disabilities' Brain Injury Committee (BIC) has discussed Delaware's educational system in the context of accommodating and providing services to students with TBI. Council has the following questions: 1) how does the system properly identify students with TBI; 2) what type of testing is used; 3) how is this addressed in the IEP; 4) what specific educational programs are provided to these students? BIC recommends that, within the next year, the Department of Education develop guidance and teacher training in this context directed to all school districts. Enclosed please find materials from the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey that may facilitate this process. They are as follows:

- *Brain Injury: A Guide for Families About School*
- *Brain Injury: A Guide for School Nurses*
- *Brain Injury: A Guide for Educators*

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or would like technical assistance regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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State Council for Persons with Disabilities'
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